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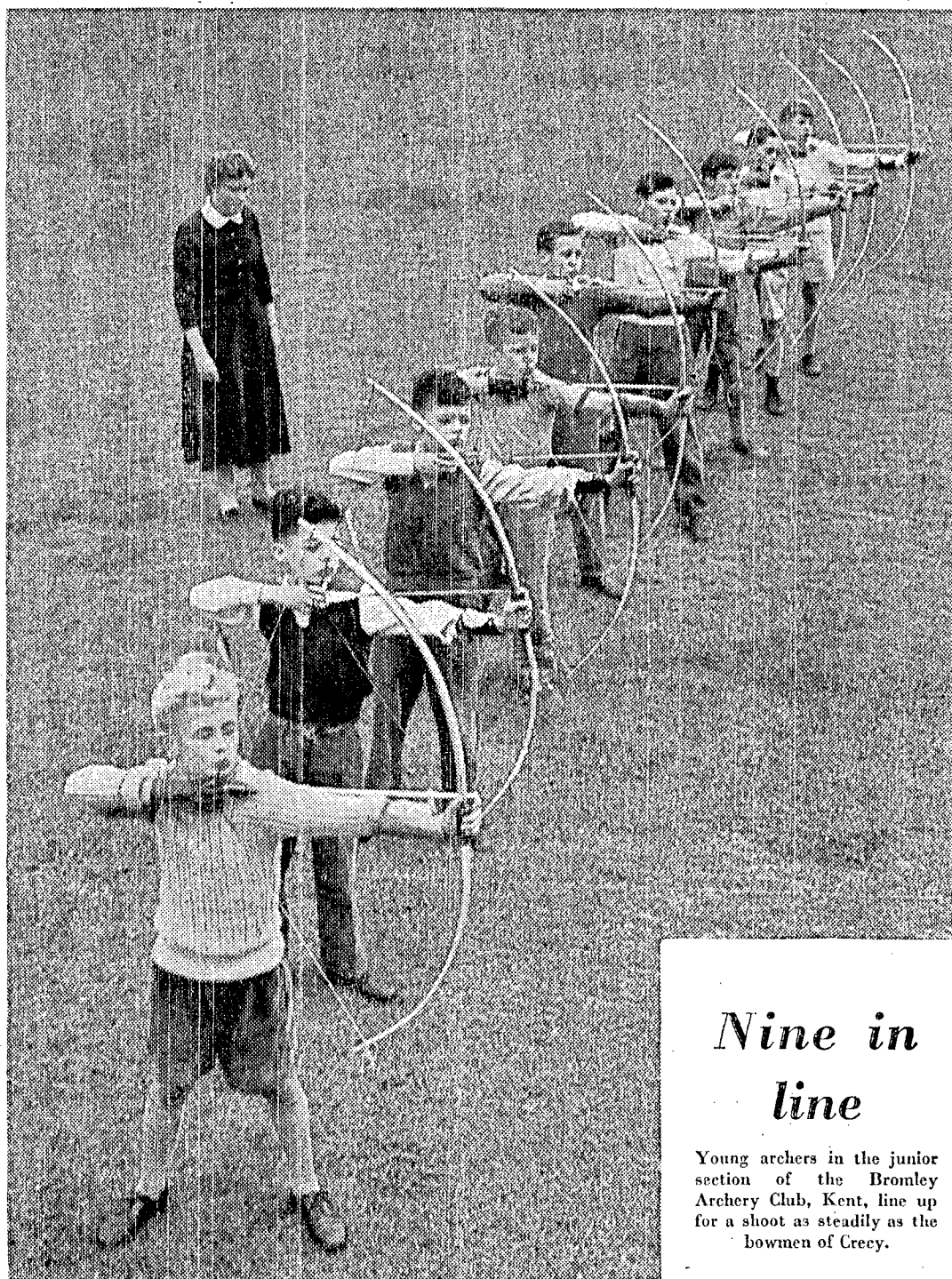
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Nine in line

Young archers in the junior section of the Bromley Archery Club, Kent, line up for a shoot as steadily as the bowmen of Crecy.

HOSPITAL IN THE NORTH SEA

The Dutch hospital ship *De Hoop* put into Whitby the other day, and a *CN* correspondent who went aboard sends us this brief account of her activities.

The hospital ship *De Hoop*, maintained by the Netherlands Protestant Church, sails each May with the Dutch herring fleet and returns to Holland in December. Carrying a crew of 18, she has to look after both the physical and spiritual needs of the men of the 450 Dutch herring drifters in the North Sea.

She has a ten-bed sick bay and often helps the sick or injured of Polish and German drifters. But she has no operating theatre, and the very seriously ill or injured

are put ashore for hospital treatment at the nearest port.

Besides a medical officer, the *De Hoop* carries the pastor of the fleet. Church services are held on board twice on Sundays and once each Wednesday and are radioed to the entire fleet from the tiny chapel, which has seating for 70 fishermen. Usually drifters fishing near the *De Hoop* transfer men to her to form the congregation.

In the chapel is a Bible dated 1687, a tiny organ, and a photograph of the Dutch Royal Family, for Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard, with their eldest daughter Princess Beatrix, have all visited the good ship *De Hoop*.

Lonely job

Six fence inspectors are wanted in Queensland's outback, and over 550 Australians have applied for the jobs, which are among the loneliest in the world. A great barrier against wild dingo dogs, the fence which the chosen six will have to maintain completely surrounds Queensland's vast sheep lands, and is 3500 miles long—which probably makes it the longest in existence.

Each of the inspectors has to patrol more than 500 miles, living and riding alone for weeks at a time. With a salary of £22 a week, plus allowances, it is an excellent job for men who are not afraid of being alone for long periods.

Across an unknown Australian desert

Trevor Nossiter, reconnaissance officer of the Woomera Rocket Range in South Australia, recently made a 600-mile journey in a Land Rover across the most pitiless waste of Central Australia. This is the sandhill desert between the Rawlinson Range, 350 miles W.S.W. of Alice Springs, and Anna Plains station on the Eighty Mile Beach, 140 miles down the coast from Broome, Western Australia.

This area had never been crossed over land before.

Nossiter had all Woomera's resources to support him, for he

was to carry out a survey for establishing posts—along the 1400 miles range from Woomera to the far north coast of Western Australia. At these posts instruments were to be installed for testing the flight of rockets.

On his return to civilisation Nossiter said no photograph could truly convey the dreadful sequence of bare red sandhills running more or less east and west with which he and his party had to contend. Some of these gaunt ridges extend for 100 miles without a break, rising to 120 feet above the plain.

FLAMINGO LAKE

Plans are going ahead to protect the millions of birds who live on Lake Nakuru in Kenya.

No fewer than 370 different species have been observed on and around this beautiful 32-square-mile stretch of water, including flamingoes, storks, pelicans, cranes, herons, ducks, and nine different kinds of cuckoo.

One interesting bird which is appearing on the lake in increasing numbers is the Garganey, from Russia. Land reclamation schemes are thought to be driving them away from their usual haunts.

But the flamingoes are the most interesting birds of all on Lake Nakuru, and it has been calculated that there are more than a million of them there.

One of the world's leading ornithologists, Dr. Roger Tory Peterson of the United States, recently visited the lake, and said that it had proved the most astonishing spectacle he had seen in 38 years of bird watching. The lake appeared to be completely covered with flamingoes.

Nobody has discovered what particular attraction the lake holds for the birds there. It may be the water itself, which has a high soda content.

Smart Sheila

While bathing with her small sister in a pool at East Molesey, Surrey, Sheila Macrae noticed a boy lying on the bottom. She thought he was diving for pennies, but on taking a second look saw that he had not moved.

"So," said Sheila, who is 13, "I went down to investigate."

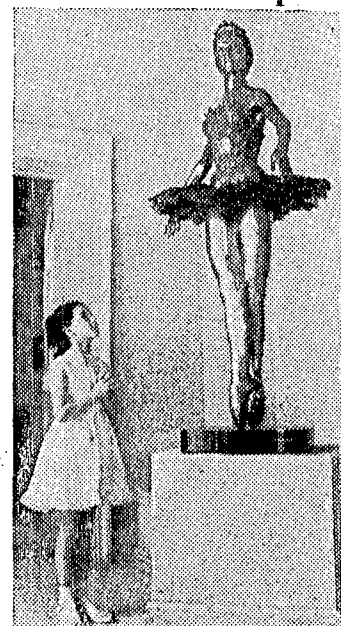
She raised the boy to the surface, and after he had been pulled out of the water by other bathers, she revived him by artificial respiration. She had learned how to do so in the Girl Guides last year.

Watch on the Thames

Radar will soon be helping ships coming up the crowded Thames estuary to reach their berths in London docks more quickly and smoothly. The Port of London Authority is to establish a radar and radio system which will eventually supervise the movements of vessels from the Nore to Tower Bridge.

The first radar station, due to start operations next May, will be at Gravesend, keeping a watch on a five-mile stretch of the river where there is often serious congestion, particularly in foggy weather. Other radar stations are to be established above and below Gravesend, and then mariners entering London will have a service not surpassed at any other port in the world.

Heroine worship



Ten-year-old Janis Radstone of Brockley, south-east London, gazes with admiration at a life-size statue of Dame Margot Fonteyn at White Lodge, Richmond, Surrey.

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MAN OF GREAT PROMISE

By the CN Parliamentary Correspondent

At Westminster Sir Edward Boyle is affectionately known as "Billy Bunter." But the description, though tolerated by him with good humour, is unfair. Billy was rotund, the result of too many jam tarts and other tuck. Sir Edward is amply built but sparing in his diet. As for the rest there is no comparison. Billy was the duffer of the Remove at Greyfriars. Sir Edward became a junior minister when he was 31, and is generally regarded as having one of the best brains in the House of Commons.

EXPERTS agree that if Sir Edward Boyle's later career fulfils the promise of his early years in politics it is likely that he will become Prime Minister. For the present he is Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education.

He was born on August 31, 1923, went to Eton, and then on to Christ Church, Oxford, where he was brilliant both at work and in debate, and was an obvious choice for President of the Oxford University Union in 1948.

In the records he is described as a journalist. At one period he was, in fact, editor of The

In the autumn of 1956 the young baronet broke with Sir Anthony Eden over the Anglo-French intervention at Suez. "I do not honestly feel," he wrote to the then Premier, "that I can defend as a Minister the recent policy of the Government." He was only 33, and it had cost him much to write those words.

When Mr. Macmillan became Premier in January 1957, he determined to repair the breach in his party caused by the Suez campaign. He appointed Sir Edward to the Education Ministry under Lord Hailsham.

DECEPTIVE AIR

As Economic Secretary the young man—still the youngest member of the Government—had made a deep impression on the Commons. M.P.s remember still his brilliant, almost absent-minded, explanation of how the Bank Rate worked. At the Ministry of Education he has been equally impressive.

Sir Edward has the air of a professor, but this is deceptive. He is a man who absorbs new ideas easily and eagerly. While his background was merely academic before he entered politics, his experience since—and at the Supply Ministry in particular—has convinced him of the need to know more about science, especially nuclear science, than the so-called average man.

FINE SPEAKER

Technical education, he has said, could produce precision and accuracy both of thought and execution without which one could get nowhere. It was easier for a man with scientific or technical training to cultivate the ability to distinguish between the expert and the charlatan.

In his way Sir Edward is one of the best speakers in the House. His speeches are remarkably free from ready-made phrases. Often his mind runs ahead of his questioners, and he is ready with his answers before their questions have left their lips.

He has improved beyond measure since he made his maiden speech in April 1951, when one critic complained: "Like many young M.P.s, Boyle spoke too quickly. The last words of his sentences were almost inaudible. But he carried himself well and made a good impression."

With all his intellectual energy he is essentially modest. He once said that nowadays he would not be able to pass the eleven-plus examination.



Sir Edward Boyle, M.P.

National and English Review. With this activity grew up a zest for politics. He failed to win one Birmingham seat at the 1950 General Election, but won another—Handsworth—at a by-election the same year. He was then 27. It is a measure of the man that within two years he had become a junior Minister.

POSTS AS SECRETARY

He first became Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply under Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, now Foreign Secretary; then Economic Secretary to the Treasury under the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Harold Macmillan; and at the Ministry of Education he has had two Ministers—first Viscount Hailsham and now Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.

Three of these four Ministers had, like Sir Edward, been presidents of their university unions—the two Lloyds at Cambridge and Lord Hailsham at Oxford. But it was the "non-Unionist" Mr. Macmillan who in fact rescued Sir Edward from self-imposed oblivion.

Bird sanctuary for Sussex

An attempt is being made to establish a reserve for geese and ducks at Pagham Harbour, Sussex, similar to that at the Severn Wildfowl Trust, Gloucestershire. About 60 wild mallard have been hand-reared this year, the eggs being hatched in an incubator and then each duckling ringed. Most of the birds are expected to settle down and eventually breed there.

Next year, it is hoped to rear other species and, in the years to come, rare kinds that have not nested in this country for a number of years.

New look for the old Town Hall

For many years the pillars supporting the old Town Hall at Burford, Oxfordshire, were bricked up. Now the bricks have been removed, and the Town Hall has been restored to look much as it did when built in the 15th century.



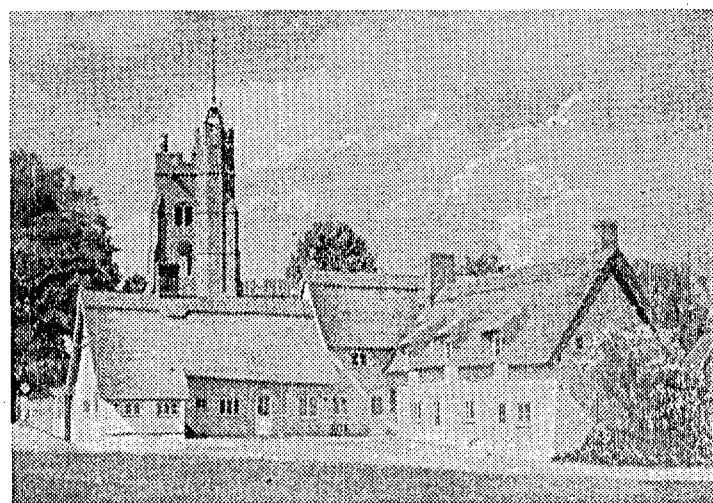
Constant hot water

About one-third of the houses at Rotorua, New Zealand's thermal resort, are now getting hot water from the natural underground reservoir. Free hot water is an added attraction on the new housing estates. Nurserymen use it to heat their glasshouses. One of the bores saves the local hospital about £170 a month in coal.

Designed for youngsters

From September 8 to October 4 The Design Centre in the Haymarket, London, is showing a special display called "Designed for Children." It is to include toys, furniture, textiles, and wall-papers from well-known firms.

The toys will include a working train set, a working model, and a selection of animals and children's games.



OUR HOMELAND

News from Everywhere

Overseas visitors staying at the Oslo Youth Hostel are being invited back to members' homes to see how Norwegians live.

HOMING BOTTLE

A man from Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, threw a bottle containing a message into the Bay of Biscay. Recently the bottle was washed up at Aldeburgh in Suffolk—only 70 miles from his home.

Boy Scouts John Dale and David Birtwhistle, of Guildford Grammar School, are trying to follow the route across the Alps taken by Hannibal more than 2000 years ago.

At the Woolwich Searchlight Tattoo, which is being held from September 10 to 13, the R.A.F. Escaping Society will present "a landing in Occupied France." Men and women of the French wartime resistance movement will take part.

International Geophysical Year is being extended for an indefinite period at the request of Russia. It was due to end in January 1959.

A baby rhino weighing 50 lb. has been born at Bristol Zoo.

ANTI-LITTER CHAMPIONS

The 1st Anlaby Scout Group (Hull) have distinguished themselves by winning first prize of £175 in the Anti-Litter competition run by the Wall's Ice Cream firm. Second prize of £75 went to the 5th Stoneleigh Brownies of Ewell, Surrey; and third prize of £25 to the Newbourn Methodist club of Seacroft, Leeds.

A tin of Army rations issued 59 years ago has been opened at the Leatherhead laboratories of the British Food Manufacturing Industries' Research Association. The contents (concentrated beef and cocoa paste) were still edible.

THEY SAY . . .

YOUNG folk, according to my experience, don't mind difficulties in a subject so long as that subject is presented in an attractive way.

Sir Edward Appleton, Principal of Edinburgh University

THE teacher is asked to be more than a teacher—to be a priest, a doctor, a nurse, a bit of a psychologist, and a bit of a saint.

Lady Bragg

YOUR lessons are so lovely that I can't tear off my ear from the loudspeaker.

A Polish student, commenting on BBC English by Radio broadcasts

Out and About

THIS is the time to watch the wild berries ripening.

The fruit of the honeysuckle which filled the cottage garden with summer scent is already red and ripe. So are most of the heavy purple clusters of elderberry.

Along the lane between the thick hedge and a deep ditch the small spikes of berries of the wild arum lilies will be a bright scarlet before the end of the month. The plentiful hips of the dog rose and the haws of the hawthorn are changing from green to yellow; when ripe the haws will be carmine red, the oval hips a bright orange red. The clustered berries of the rowan are already orange-red.

Next month, as the hedges grow thinner, the holly will show its scarlet berries against the shiny dark green leaves.

All these berries attract seed-eating birds, but the holly last of all, when food is scarce. They like some berries more than others and eat them first, especially those of the rowan, the arum, and the elder.

C. D. D.

Old church and newly-thatched cottages at Cavendish, Suffolk

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Thus passed a great Englishman

Oliver Cromwell died on the third of September just 300 years ago. And this is how his passing was described by John Richard Green in his *Short History of the English People*.

In the midst of his glory the hand of death was falling on the Protector. He had long been weary of his task.

"God knows (he had burst out to Parliament a year before) I would have been glad to have lived under my woodside, and to have kept a flock of sheep, rather than to have undertaken this government."

And now to the weariness of power was added the weakness and feverish impatience of disease . . . death grew steadily nearer, till even Cromwell felt that his hour was come.

"I would be willing to live," the dying man murmured, "to be further serviceable to God and His people, but my work is done. Yet God will be with His people."

A storm which tore roofs from houses and levelled trees in every forest seemed a fitting prelude to



the passing away of his mighty spirit. Three days later, on the third of September, the day which had witnessed his victories at Worcester and Dunbar, Cromwell quietly breathed his last.

THE EPIC OF EYAM

A feature of the annual Carnival procession in the Derbyshire village of Eyam next Saturday will be a tableau of nine members of the local Women's Institute dressed in 17th-century costume. At each end of the mile-long village the nine women will perform a one-act play called *Isolation at Eyam*, by Joyce Denny.

The central character of the play is Catherine, heroic wife of the heroic rector of the village, the Rev. William Mompesson. It was these two, together with a Nonconformist parson named Thomas Stanley, who inspired the people to remain in their village after it had been stricken by plague in September 1665. They set themselves to isolate the village for the sake of the outside world.

By October 1666, when the plague had run its course, it had claimed more than 260 victims out of a total of 350 villagers, Catherine Mompesson among them.

Stronghold of the Ancient Britons

A team of amateur archaeologists are excavating a fort that may have been used by Ancient Britons in resisting the Roman invaders of A.D. 43. Situated at High Rocks near Tunbridge Wells, the fort was discovered by Mr. J. H. Money, a London civil servant.

Mr. Money told a CN correspondent that the High Rocks themselves formed the fort's defences to the north and west, and that the rest of the area—which covers about 20 acres—was defended by the banks and ditches which are now being excavated.

Feast of fun and thrills

The ever-popular Annuals are beginning to appear again, as jolly and as colourful as ever. Two that can be sure of a hearty welcome are *Lion Annual 1959* and *Tiger Annual 1959*.

Lion is packed with original yarns, stories, and illustrated articles, one of its many fascinating features being 44 coloured pictures showing some of the world's most impressive animals and birds.

Tiger, in which the accent is on sport, has an equal appeal to adventure-loving lads. At 7s. 6d. each, both Annuals are excellent value.

HIS WONDERFUL DAY OUT

Ian Cooke of Birmingham, a 15-year-old A.T.C. cadet, recently had an exciting day out—the kind of day most lads dream about. As winner of the first prize in a model-making contest, he was guest for the day of Kelvin and Hughes Limited, scientific instrument makers.

Ian left Birmingham's Edmdon

Airport in the morning and was flown to Luton Aerodrome. There, he visited the control tower, and was later shown over a Jet Provost Mk 3, the new jet trainer which is shortly to begin service with the R.A.F. He sat (as our picture shows) in the pilot's seat, while the controls were explained to him.



Airborne once more, he watched the record-breaking Comet leaving Hatfield. He also saw from the air the great new motorway that will shortly link London with Birmingham, and he heard over his headphones the voice of a helicopter pilot who was taking a new tool to the road-makers below.

Ian's one disappointment was that he had to go home by train in the evening, his aircraft being weatherbound. Now Ian intends making a model of the Kelvin and Hughes Company's own plane.

LINKED ACROSS THE OCEAN

When the first Atlantic cable was laid, messages were exchanged between Queen Victoria and the President of the United States, James Buchanan. Recently, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of that event, Queen Elizabeth exchanged greetings with President Eisenhower.

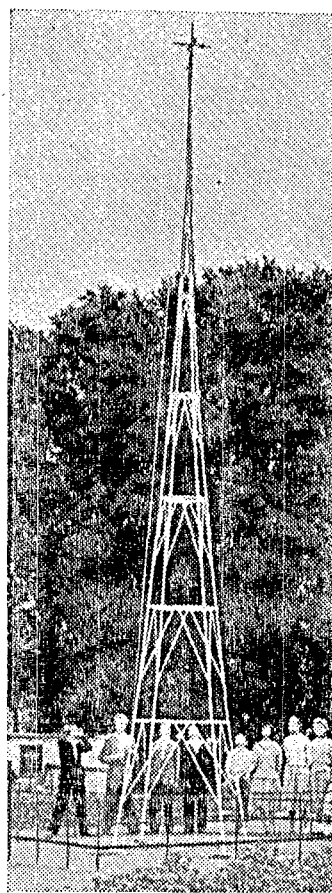
The Queen's message read: "I am glad of the opportunity afforded by the centenary of the completion of the first transatlantic cable to send you my warm good wishes. The cable which joins our coasts is a symbol of the links between our two countries."

"I believe that closer communications, not only between our peoples but amongst all lands, must contribute towards greater mutual understanding and the cause of peace which lies so near to all our hearts."

Farewell to the Elizabethan Airliners

British European Airways have said farewell to their Elizabethan airliners. During the 6½ years of service, these aircraft carried nearly 2,500,000 passengers over 30 million miles.

Altogether 20 Elizabethans were built for airline service, and all for B.E.A. In most cases, routes served by Elizabethans will now be served by Viscounts.



Their weather station

This 35-foot-high tower, to carry a wind-measuring instrument, is part of a weather station built by boys of the Wimborne Secondary Modern School at Pamphill, Dorset. By October, the station will have the complete equipment for weather-recording.

SONG AND DANCE OCCASION

To celebrate their Diamond Jubilee, the English Folk Dance and Song Society are holding a concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 12.

Preliminary sessions are to be held at the society's London headquarters on the previous Friday and Saturday, and on the Sunday morning. They will take the form of an informal ceilidhe concert—ceilidhe (pronounced kayley) being the Celtic word for a get-together. Amateur musicians over 14 are invited to sing one or two folk songs or play folk tunes before a selection committee and the best may be given an opportunity, with established performers, to appear at the Festival Hall concert.

Particulars may be had from the Secretary, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London, N.W.1.

14 days in a canoe

Two Sevenoaks schoolboys, Edward Rubie and David Hindley, recently arrived in Bristol after making a 130-mile canoe trip from Maidenhead. They had paddled for 14 days along the Thames, the Kennet and Avon Canal, and the River Avon.

Edward Rubie, who built the canoe himself during his school holidays last year, told a CN correspondent that they both enjoyed the trip, but found it heavy going at times, particularly on patches of the Kennet and Avon Canal which are weed-covered.

NOISIEST NOISES

German experts who have been making a study of noise consider that the worst are a plane taking off, a motor-cycle exhaust, and a scream. American experts think the worst to be a pneumatic drill, scratching of a violin's E-string, a dripping tap in a dark room, the deepest note of a double bassoon, and a motor-cycle exhaust.

ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

BACK IN THE LYONS' DEN



In the Lyons' Den—with Bebe and Ben, with their children Richard and Barbara

BEN LYON, Bebe Daniels, Barbara, and Richard will all be back for another bout of fortnightly adventures in Life with the Lyons on Associated-Rediffusion, starting on Friday, September 26.

This time, I hear, the programmes will be earlier in the evening—at 6.10—so that viewers of all ages can enjoy the fun.

The Lyons, by the way, will be

seen by more people than ever this winter, for their programmes will be networked to all ITV regions simultaneously, including the newly-opened Southern Television.

Fish that does not need water

ONE fish out of water we need never be sorry for is the lung fish, which David Attenborough is after for his fifth BBC Television Zoo Quest.

"The lung fish," said Attenborough, "is never bothered when the swamps dry up. It simply makes itself a kind of cocoon of mud. I'm hoping we may be able to get one or two and bring them out of their cocoon in the studio."

Attenborough and his cameraman colleague Charles Lagus flew out from London recently, this time to Paraguay. After a stop at Rio de Janeiro, they are making their headquarters at Asunción. A lot of their time will be spent on the Gran Chaco at the foot of the Andes, and they may also go through to the Argentine and Bolivia. They expect to be home for Christmas and have Zoo Quest on the air early in the New Year.

Besides all sorts of unfamiliar animals, such as armadillos, they expect to bring back pictures of the interesting people who live in and around the Andes.

On the footplate—in the studio

LIFE inside an express engine cab should seem very real in Railway Roundabout in BBC Children's TV next Tuesday. Patrick Hamilton is hoping to have an actual express engine cab of Eastern Region set up in the studio. On the footplate to explain the controls will be driver William Hoole of King's Cross, who takes charge of many of the crack expresses between London and Edinburgh.

Tough job for the cameramen

IF you have ever tried to hold a star in a telescope you can imagine how tricky it must be to keep a supersonic jet plane in a TV camera lens as it swoops low and streaks past at over 700 miles per hour. That is the toughest job any TV man could have. On Saturday it falls to the lot of Jack Haywood, Alan Mouncer, and Frank Hudson, the cameramen covering the Farnborough Air Display on BBC Television.

Each man has to swing round something like 180 lb. of camera as the aircraft looms into the picture, often approaching faster than its own sound. Terrific concentration is needed not only by the cameramen but by the two expert commentators, Oliver Stewart and Charles Gardner, who must spot the machines and identify them as they swing into view.

And in the mobile control van, too, producer Dennis Monger must choose his pictures with lightning speed from the battery of TV screens giving the airfield scenes from different angles.

The programme lasts an hour and three-quarters, and the TV team dare not let up for an instant.

More First Attempts

WE shall be hearing mainly wind instruments in First Attempts, in BBC Children's Hour on Saturday. The only exception is 14-year-old Hilary Cole of Bath. She will play the piano.

The organ, which some people call the King of Wind instruments, is played by 15-year-old Peter MacDonald from Leyton, East London. Peter, who recorded his piece on the large organ in the BBC Maida Vale studios, plays in his local church and has just been invited to give two organ recitals in Leyton and Lincoln.



Nadine Garton

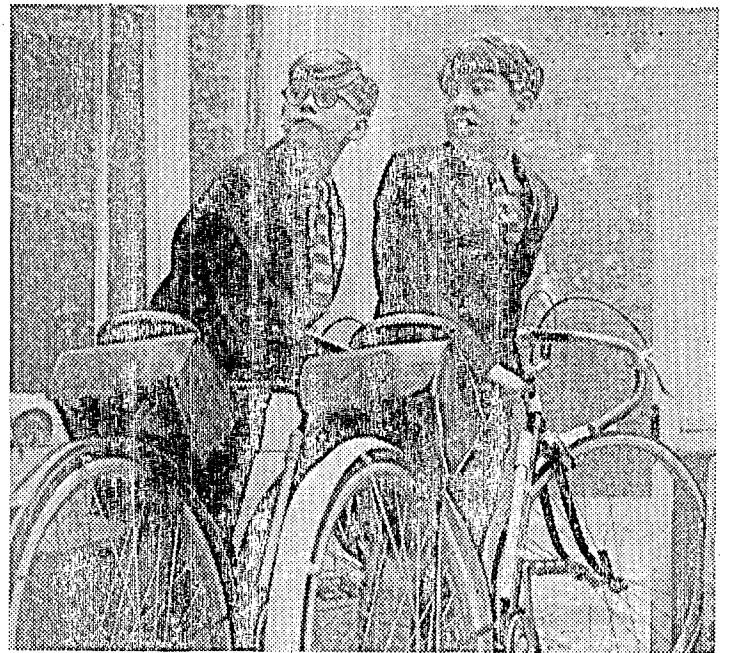
Playing the trombone, an unusual instrument for a girl, will be 14-year-old Nadine Garton of Newark, Nottinghamshire. Flute-player Maureen Cottan (16) of Poole, Dorset, will be accompanied by Pat Clark, who played in Children's Hour as a young artiste and is now a professional pianist.

No reader of the Jennings stories in CN needs to be told that Linbury Court is somewhere in the South of England. It was to a South of England school—to be precise, Fonthill School, East Grinstead, Sussex—that TV producer Kevin Sheldon took his film team recently for location shots for Jennings at School.

Sound radio's great poll-winning series, which always beats all other programmes in Children's Hour Request Week, starts its first run in BBC Children's TV on Saturday. Since I first gave you the news a fortnight ago, Kevin Sheldon has completed his team

of actors for the ten weekly episodes. Besides John Mitchell and Derek Needs as Jennings and Darbshire, we shall meet Laidman Browne as the Headmaster, Norman Shelley as General Merridew, and Denise Bryer as the Matron—all playing their original parts.

Jennings's schoolfellows Atkinson, Venables, and Temple are played by Jeremy Ward, Colin Spaul, and Peter Woods. As reported already, Geoffrey Winnett and Wilfred Babbage appear in the parts they created ten years ago as Mr. Carter and Mr. Wilkins.



Darbshire (Derek Needs) and Jennings (John Mitchell) on the way to more trouble

George Formby prefers messing about in boats

THE Norfolk Broads are spilling over into BBC Television this week. On Wednesday the Children's Caravan rings up the curtain at Oulton Broad—which is actually in Suffolk. On Saturday night Lancashire comic George Formby brings the flavour of the Broads to a Formby Favourites all-star show in the studios, breaking his Broads holiday specially for the programme.

For the Caravan Show, against a background of dinghies and houseboats, Jeremy Geidt will introduce Clive Dunn; the Three Toledos, accordionists; Ron and Rita, a high-wire act; Arno and Rita Van Bolen, illusionists; the Etty Van Veen Duo, a balancing

act; and the Caravan Quartet. George Formby had just wiped the diesel grease from his hands when he phoned me from a boat-house at Wroxham. He told me that his wife Beryl had said he must "get cracking" in TV again.

"I'd much rather mess about with boats," said George. "I've just been cleaning the engine of my diesel cruiser Lady Beryl II. But Beryl says it's time I went on the air again to sing some songs with the banjulele. It's a real job choosing which. I know about 250!"

With his toothy grin and twanging banjulele, George Formby has always been a favourite with young people.

Lights up at Blackpool

IT should be worth staying up late on Friday to see the Blackpool Illuminations on BBC Television. The famous Corporation tramcar, rigged up each year as a mobile camera unit, will run along the promenade to show viewers the chains of fairy-lights and animated set-pieces, with Geoffrey Wheeler giving the commentary.

Watch out, too, for A. E. Matthews, the 89-year-old actor, performing the official opening of the Illuminations. It was arranged that "Matty" would be filmed at the switching-on this Wednesday. The ceremony is being put forward two days, as Mr. Matthews has to be in London on Friday for another episode of the BBC's naval TV series The Sky Larks.



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Silver trains underground

London's familiar red Underground trains on the Piccadilly line will soon be a thing of the past; they are to be replaced by "silver" trains of aluminium.

The new trains will have rubber suspension, better seating and lighting, and more space, all the motor control equipment being under the floor.

The bodywork of the new aluminium coaches will be left unpainted, tests having shown that this metal withstands London's corrosive atmosphere.

In all 532 cars, making 76 trains, have been ordered at a cost of £10,000,000. The first deliveries will be made in a year's time.

Neck and neck



Maud the giraffe has presented the London Zoo with a new baby. The keepers, who are cricket enthusiasts, have named him John after John Reid, the New Zealand captain.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR PETS

10. The Tortoise

By Charles Trevisick, F.Z.S.

A GREAT number of enquiries come to me from boys and girls who have started keeping a tortoise. It has become a most popular pet. Tens of thousands are now imported every year, and they can be bought at the smallest of Pet Shops. As you probably know, most of them come from North Africa.

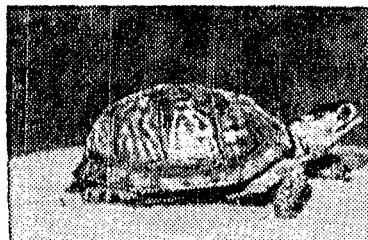
The best time to buy a pet tortoise is in early spring, but when choosing one you should make sure that it is alert and bright of eye, and that its shell is not cracked. You should also examine it to see that it is free of the insect parasites called ticks.

When you get your tortoise home provide it with an enclosure, rather like a miniature play-pen, covered with wire-netting. The netting should be about 1½ inch mesh, so that the head of your pet cannot get fixed. Put this enclosure on the lawn, or elsewhere in the garden, and place a box in it for shade; tortoises do not like too much sun.

Your tortoise will appreciate meals of fresh lettuce and dandelions, and as a special treat give it soft fruit, such as juicy pears and bananas. Be sure that it

always has a dish of clean drinking water.

Do not bore a hole in the shell so that you can tether your tortoise. The string is likely to get twisted around shrubs, and this will make your pet most unhappy; it will never settle down to feed contentedly if kept like this. The better your tortoise feeds the



heavier it will become; this surplus flesh will help it when it goes to sleep, or hibernates, for the winter.

I shall be back in the C.N. next week. Meanwhile, do not forget that I am anxious to answer all queries about your own pets. Address your letters to Charles Trevisick, Ilfracombe Zoo Park, North Devon, and please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for reply.

For all the family at the do-it-yourself exhibition

The host of people who find great satisfaction in making things for themselves will be in their element at the 6th International Handicrafts and Do It Yourself Exhibition, which opens at Olympia, London, on September 4.

It is a show for all the family. For Mother and the girls there is the Festival of Sewing and the finals of the Singer Teenage Sewing Contest. Among other attractions for the ladies are the Do It Yourself shoe kits, with which they can make their own shoes to match their dresses. Young brothers should be directed to the Model Railway Clubs' exhibit, where there are demonstrations of how to build a model railway. Brothers and sisters alike will be interested in the many ingenious

constructional kits in the Junior Do It Yourself section.

There is much else to whet the appetite of the handyman and woman, such as a kit for making duelling pistols and blunderbusses—as ornaments, of course.

But the most arresting feature of the whole show is the display of the Royal Gift Treasures, the beautiful handicraft work and other things presented to Prince Philip by Commonwealth countries during his world-wide tour of 1956-57.

An array of handicrafts from lands outside the Commonwealth has been assembled in the International Section, where some of the craftsmen of the countries represented can be seen at work.

The Exhibition closes on September 20.

Stone Age men at the farm show

An agricultural show held recently in Papua, the south-eastern part of New Guinea, was attended by many Papuans who are still living in Stone Age conditions. They had come down from their native hills to see what was going on. Some of them had even arrived by air.

Amid the agricultural exhibits and demonstrations of arts and crafts and cookery, some 15,000 wild-eyed warriors made their way. Some had their bodies oiled and were wearing four-foot head-dresses, with a feather or a pig's

tusk thrust through their nose for extra ornament.

Tribesmen carrying bows and spears—men who had for centuries only met other tribesmen to make war upon them—wandered amicably through the show and watched a display of cockatoo-catching by the Bindi people who specialise in this ancient skill. Another strange feature they witnessed was a demonstration by a Papuan woman, a trained medical orderly, of dissecting mosquitoes, a necessary process in the fighting of tropical disease.

An atlas of plants

Amateur naturalists have been collecting masses of information for a botanical atlas of the British Isles, which is to be published next April.

It will be one complete volume with 2000 maps showing the distribution of flowering plants and ferns, and will be the only work of its kind in the world.

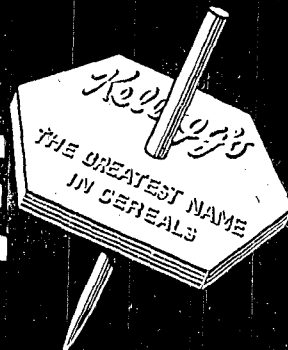
The Nuffield Trust gave £10,000 towards this great plant-recording campaign, which has been going on for five years.

A number of volunteers have sent over a million field observations to the Botanical Society of the British Isles, which is producing the atlas, and the last stages of the research are being carried out this summer by some 4000 people, who are devoting their holidays to recording flowering plants and ferns.

KIDS! score a goal

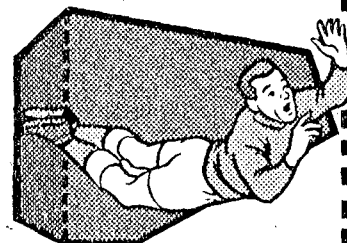
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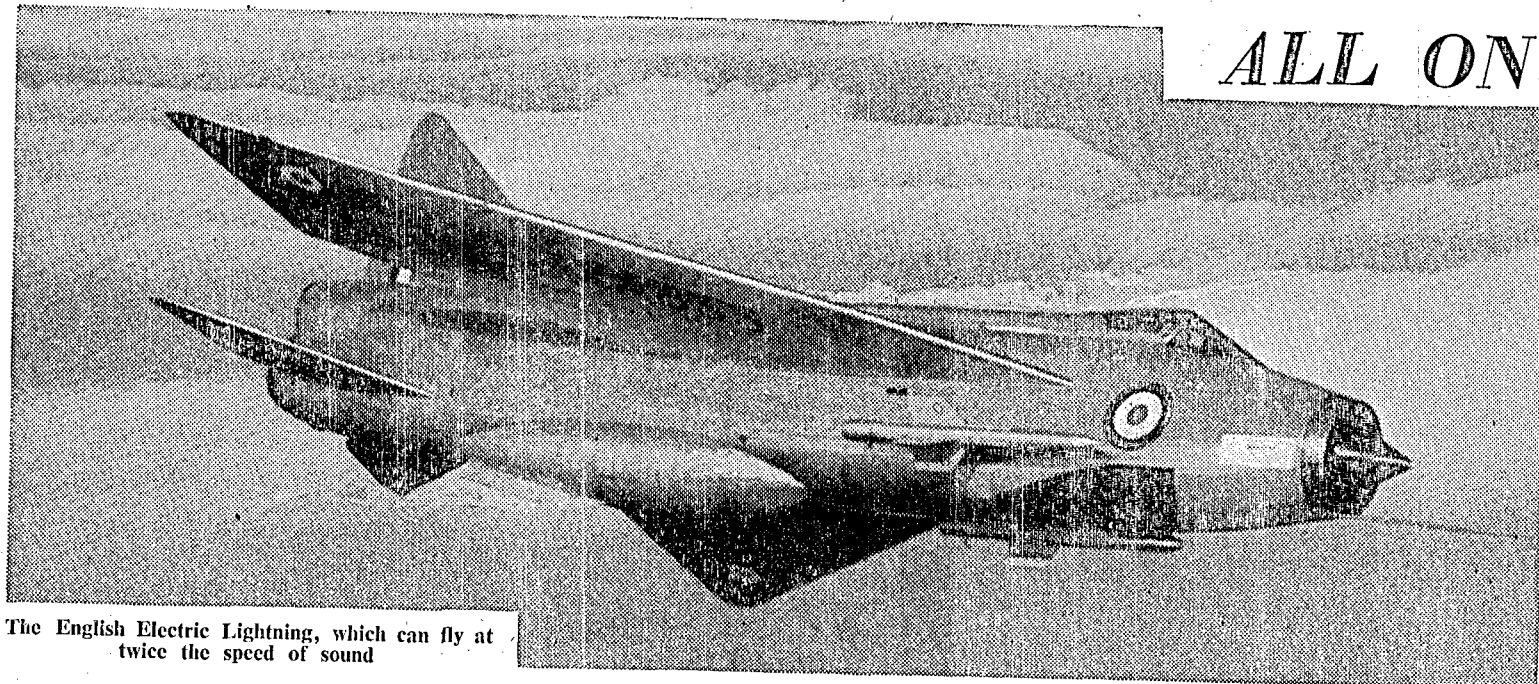


ALL ON PARADE

By the CN Flight

This week, at Farnborough, of spectacular air displays is of British Aircraft

Before a huge audience of countries, Britain's latest breaking Comet 4 to a tiny being put through their paces ever the nature of the demand wor



The English Electric Lightning, which can fly at twice the speed of sound

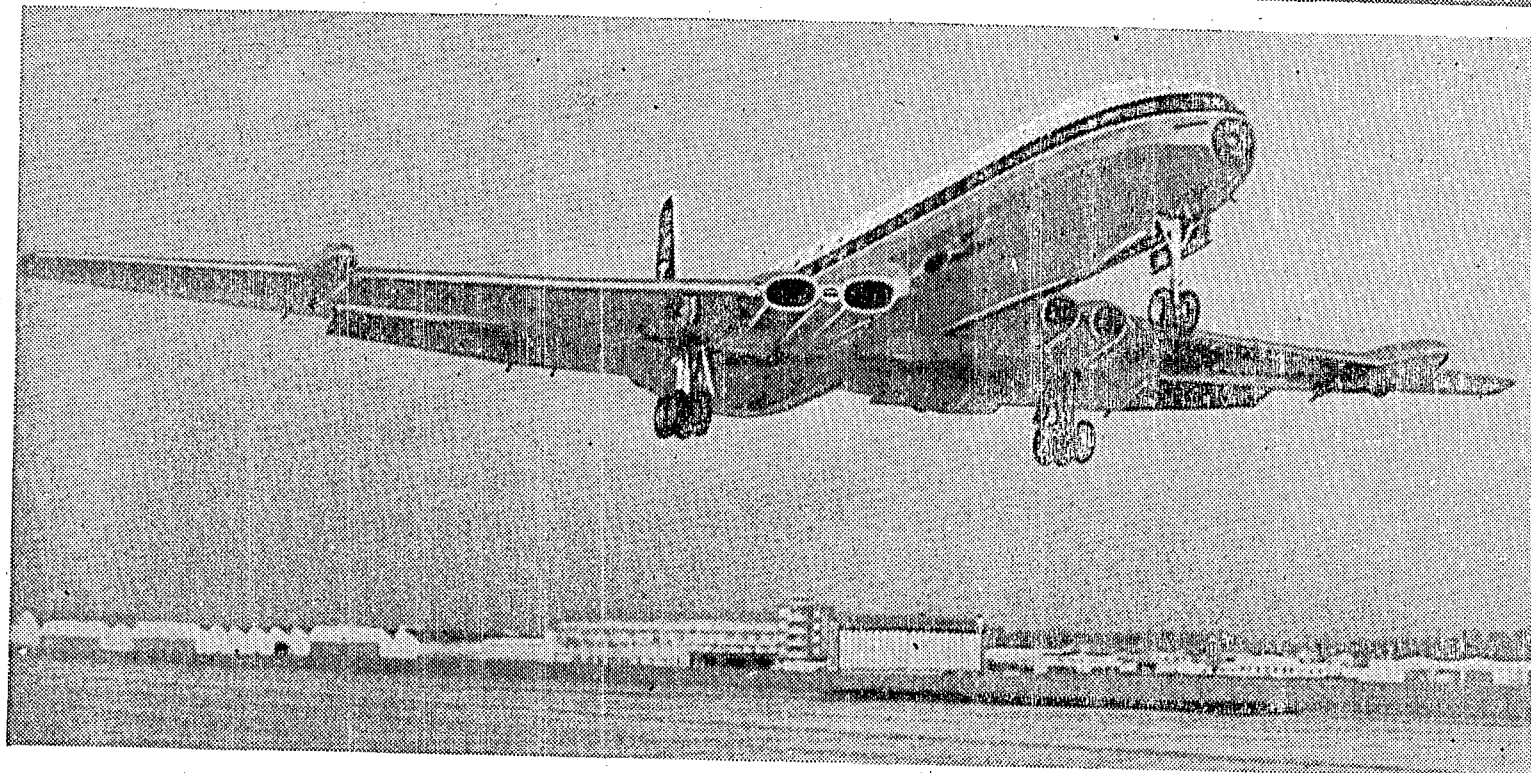
In the mammoth exhibition marquee at Farnborough are the stands of about 350 exhibitors. Here can be seen an astonishing assortment of wares, ranging from emergency batteries that can be powered by sun or sea water to a small valve that permits jet airliners to be refuelled at the rate of 1000 gallons a minute.

As in previous years the Farnborough Air Display has a double purpose. From Monday to Thursday it has been designed as a trade fair for guests from overseas. From Friday to Sunday it will become a lavish flying spectacle for the entertainment of the public.

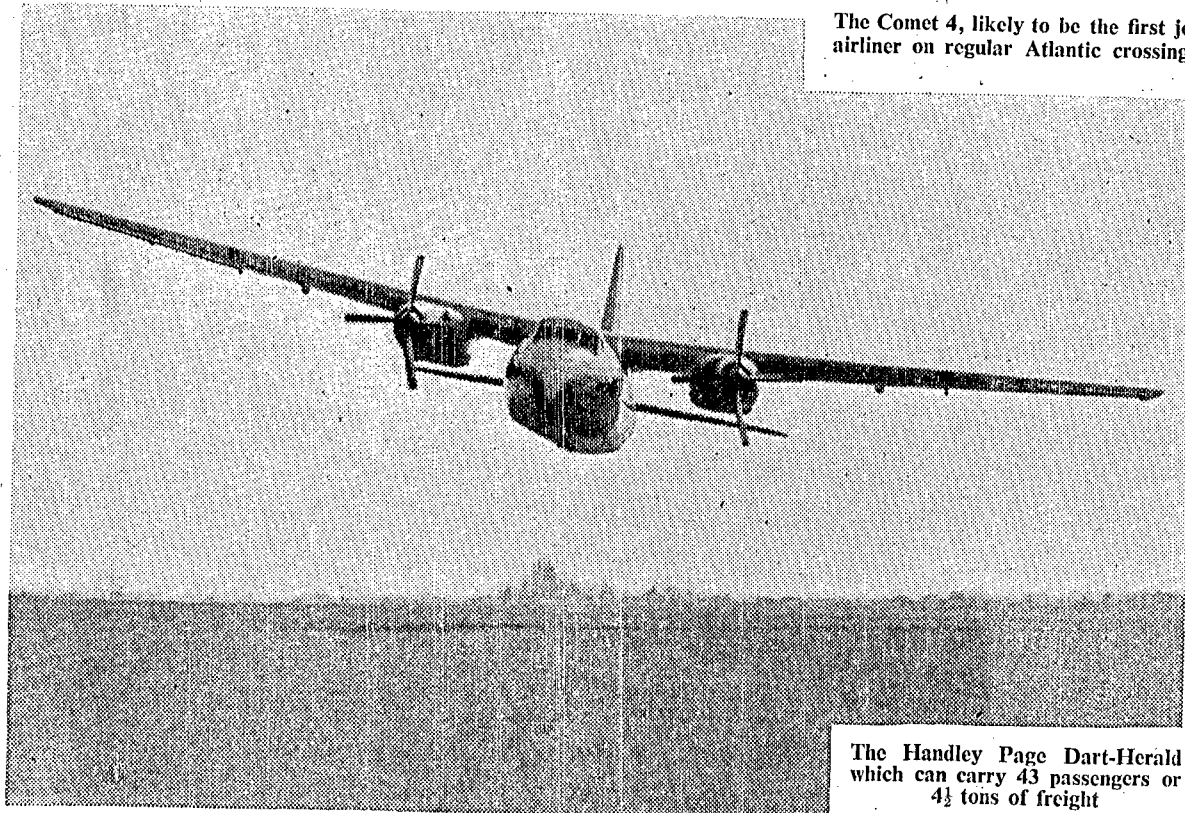
One of this year's highlights is the first public appearance of the revolutionary Short SC.1—a new vertical take-off machine foretelling the shape of wings to come.

TAKING OFF VERTICALLY

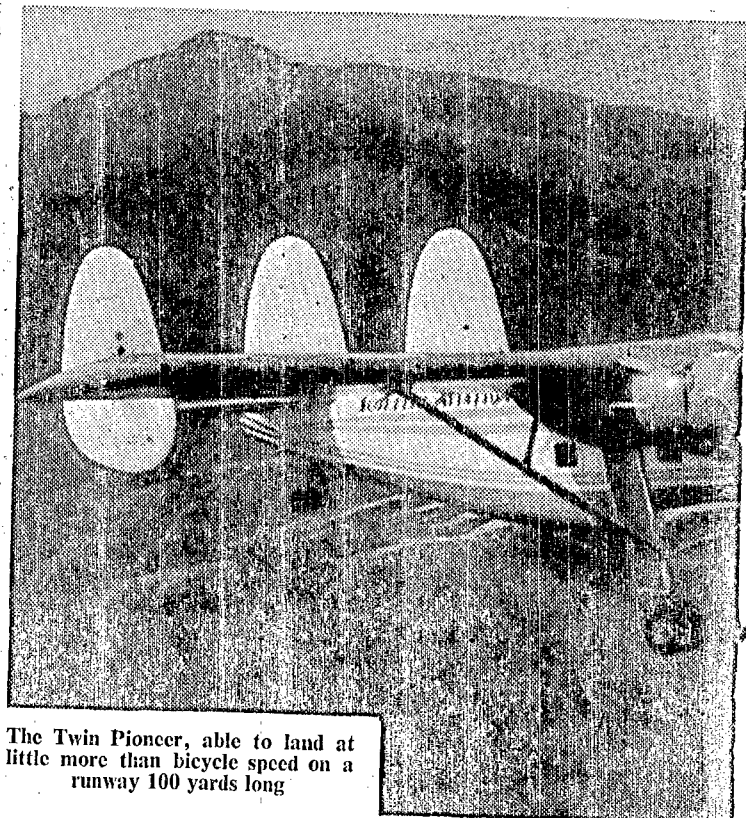
Unlike earlier American and Continental VTO jet planes, which sit on their tails on the ground, the SC.1 takes-off and lands in a horizontal position. Four small, lightweight jets thrust it vertically off the ground; then, once airborne, the pilot opens up a fifth engine in the tail to thrust the machine forward. As soon as the wings develop sufficient lift the downward-pointing jets are switched off and the machine flies like a conventional jet. Projects are already in hand for huge supersonic airliners employing the



The Comet 4, likely to be the first jet airliner on regular Atlantic crossings



The Handley Page Dart-Herald which can carry 43 passengers or 4½ tons of freight



The Twin Pioneer, able to land at little more than bicycle speed on a runway 100 yards long

September 6, 1958

AT FARNBOROUGH

g Correspondent

in Hampshire, another series being staged by the Society of Aircraft Constructors.

Air experts from 50 different aircraft—from the record-breaking two-seat jet helicopter—are to show that Britain, what- ever, can supply wings for the world.

same principle and thus overcoming the need for building bigger runways.

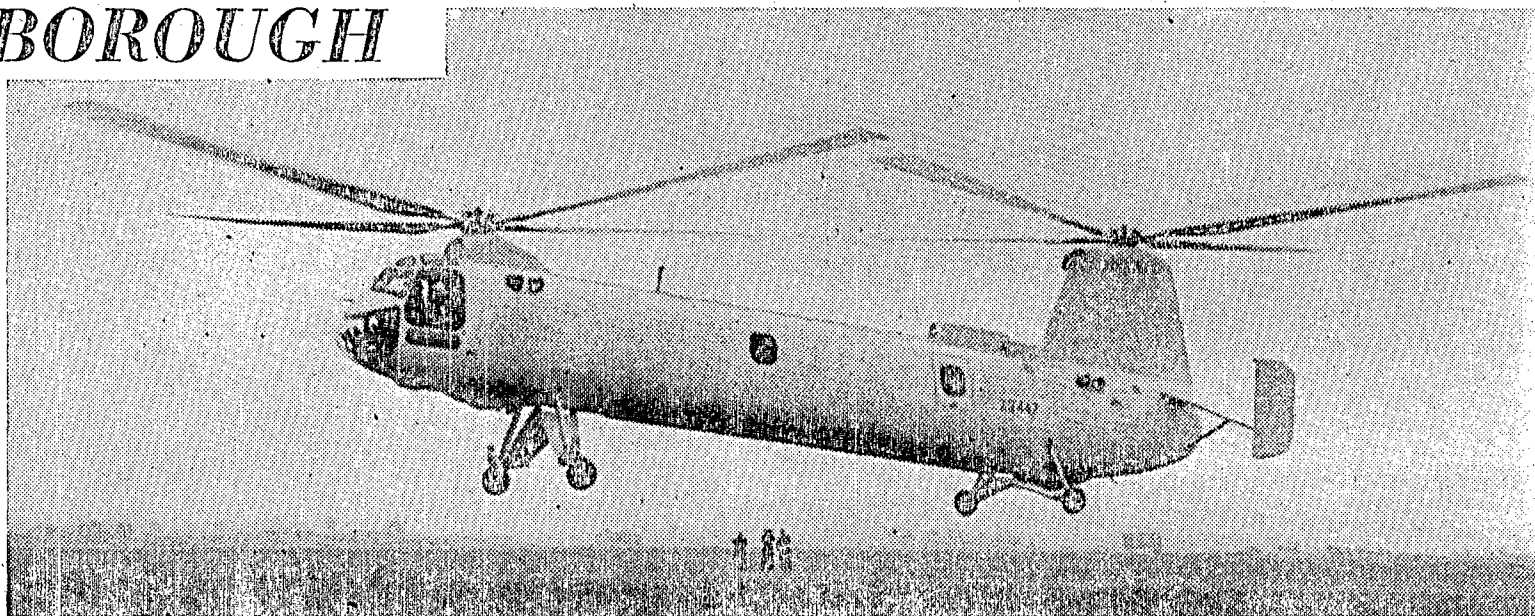
Other newcomers this year include the record-breaking Comet 4, which will almost certainly be the first jet airliner to go into regular service across the Atlantic; the Dart-Herald, a fast, adaptable airliner carrying 43 passengers or 4½ tons of freight; and the astonishing Rotodyne, capable of taking-off vertically from a city centre, then flying forward with its 48 passengers like a normal fixed-wing airliner until it reaches its destination when once again it becomes a helicopter.

MASS DEMONSTRATION

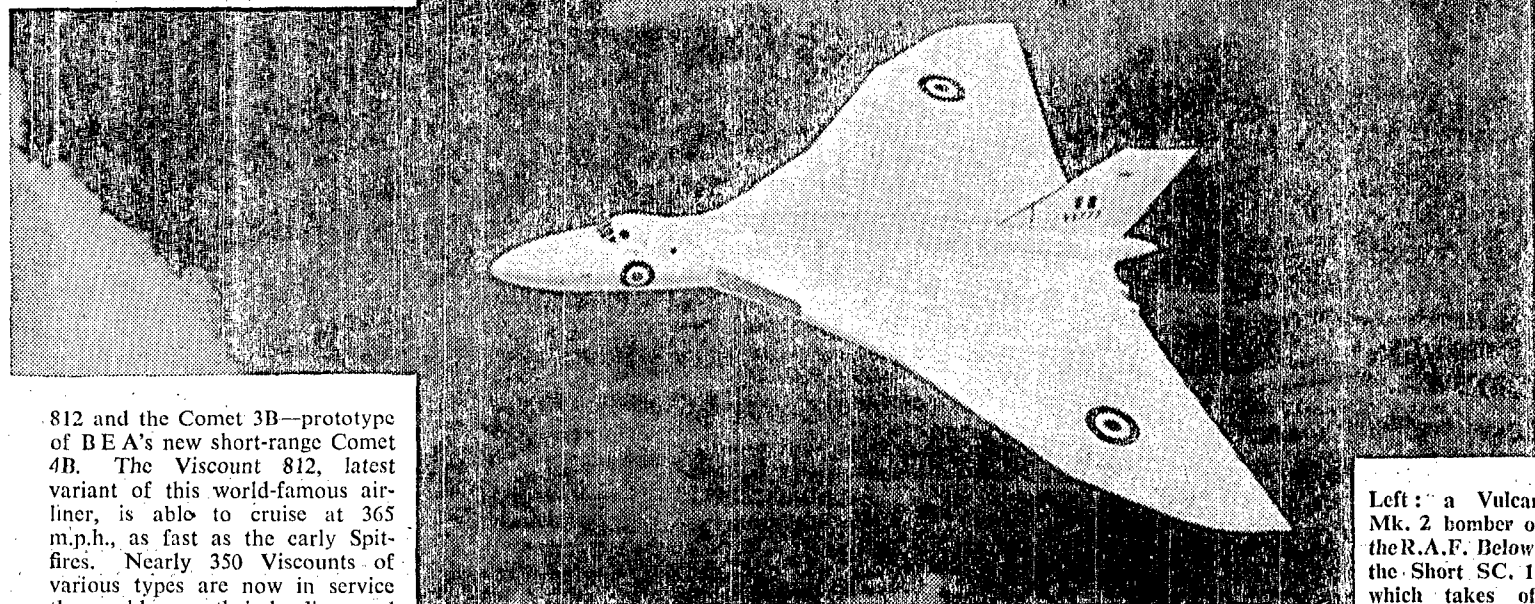
Britain's hoverplanes grow more numerous year by year. Nine are appearing at Farnborough this week in a mass demonstration of machines varying in size from the Fairey Ultra Light to the massive Westminister. The Fairey is a two-seater, able to take-off from a garden lawn; the Westminister, at present in the form of a "flying crane" for construction projects, can carry 46 passengers.

Among the other helicopters in this impressive display are the Bristol 192, a tandem-rotor helicopter on order for the Army, and the Saunders-Roe P. 531, a five-seater, which is ideal for business executives who make frequent visits to outlying factories and want to avoid traffic jams.

Among the new airliners showing their paces are the Viscount



The Bristol 192 will be put through its paces at Farnborough



Left: a Vulcan Mk. 2 bomber of the R.A.F. Below: the Short SC. 1, which takes off vertically and then flies like an ordinary aircraft

812 and the Comet 3B—prototype of BEA's new short-range Comet 4B. The Viscount 812, latest variant of this world-famous airliner, is able to cruise at 365 m.p.h., as fast as the early Spitfires. Nearly 350 Viscounts of various types are now in service the world over; their landings and take-offs average more than one a minute every hour of the day and night.

A feature of the Comet 3B's landing runs at Farnborough is the use of a reverse-thrust device which diverts part of the powerful jet stream forward to reduce the landing run. The Comet 3B is the first airliner in the world to be fitted with this ingenious gadget.

ACCENT ON AEROBATICS

The leading test pilots come into the picture at Farnborough in a display of Britain's latest military aircraft, in which the accent is on aerobatics and speed.

Among the many different machines being demonstrated this year are the twin boom Sea Vixen carrier fighter; the Victor—largest aircraft in the world to have exceeded the speed of sound; the latest version of the R.A.F.'s delta-wing bomber, the Vulcan Mk. 2; the Blackburn NA. 39, the Royal Navy's new supersonic "strike" aircraft; and the R.A.F.'s English Electric P. 1B, swept-wing jet-fighter, able to fly at twice the speed of sound. Little wonder that this machine has recently been given the official name Lightning.

In striking contrast to the high speeds of the military jets there will be a demonstration of the capabilities of the Twin Pioneer, designed for operation in the

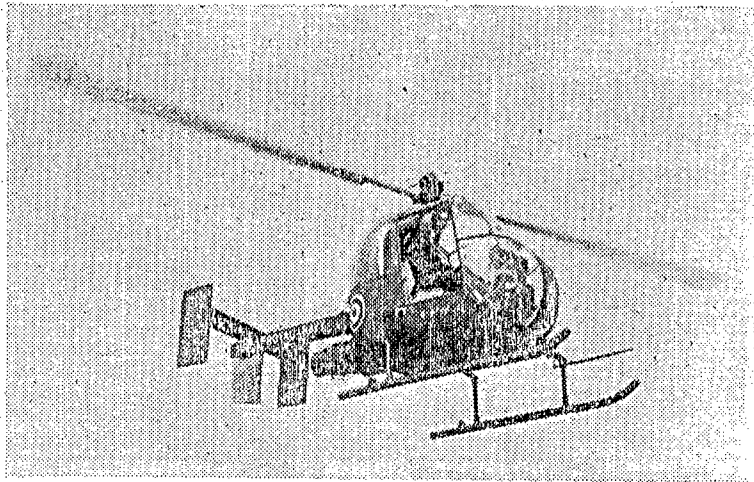
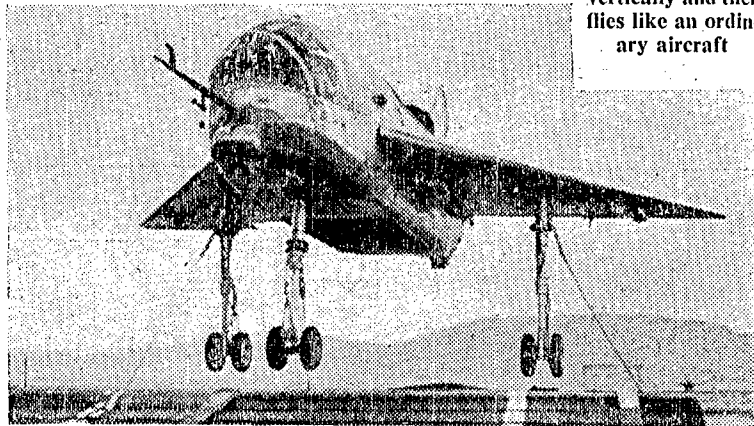
world's under-developed areas, where landing fields and maintenance facilities are almost non-existent. This versatile 16-seater needs only about 100 yards of reasonably level ground on which to land at bicycle-speed. It takes the benefits of air travel cheaply and simply right to the most isolated parts of the world's "out-back" territories.

This year extensive participation by the services is expected. Aerobatic displays will be given by both the R.A.F. and the Royal Navy and there will be a mass flypast by bombers, fighters, and transport planes. The Royal Navy's aerobatic teams will be from No. 800 Squadron (Sea Hawks) and No. 803 Squadron (Scimitars).

No. 800 is the oldest Fleet Air Arm squadron. Formed in 1933 it was in action during the war off Norway, in the Mediterranean and against the Tirpitz. No. 803 Squadron was responsible for shooting down the first enemy aircraft of the Second World War—a Dornier 18.

As a "shop window" for British planes Farnborough has proved a wonderful success in the past, and as pure entertainment it has few rivals. This year it promises to fill both these roles more impressively than ever before.

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The Fairey Ultra Light two-seater, one of the world's smallest helicopters



Reporter at the South Pole

An enthralling account of Sir Vivian Fuchs' historic march across Antarctica is to be found in Noel Barber's new book, *The White Desert* (Hodder and Stoughton, 16s.). Mr. Barber, covering the expedition for the *Daily Mail*, flew to the American base at the South Pole, and was present at the meeting of Dr. Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary. He relates the story of the famous trek as it was told to him on the spot by the explorers who made it; and he gives us, too, some very vivid impressions of life in the frozen wastes.

NOEL BARBER went first to McMurdo Sound, and as he clambered stiffly out of the plane, he writes, the cold hit him "like a blow between the eyes." Later, an American pilot flew him in an old Dakota to the South Pole, arriving there in a whiteout.

This is a phenomenon found on great expanses of snow—without trees, rocks or other visible objects—when the sun is hidden by cloud. The light, reflected from the snow, creates all-white conditions in which it is impossible to judge distance.

SNOW TUNNEL

Other strange experiences awaited him in the living quarters of the 18 Americans stationed at the Pole. He entered through a snow tunnel and found himself in a warm and comfortable living-room with tubular lighting and aluminium walls. A gramophone was playing Mendelssohn and the cook was slicing a block of snow for the coffee pot. But outside was a blackboard recording a temperature of minus 102 degrees, the sort of cold of which Admiral Byrd once wrote: "If there is the slightest breeze, you can hear your breath freeze as it floats away, making a sound like that made by Chinese fire crackers."

In this strange place at the bottom of the world Mr. Barber later had a "front seat" at an epic drama: the approach of Sir Edmund Hillary from one side of the Continent, and of Dr. Fuchs

from the other. By radio the newspaperman was able to talk to members of Dr. Fuchs' party. They were having a bad time. Their Sno-cats were constantly becoming jammed in crevasses, and having to be hauled out and repaired by mittened hands in freezing temperatures.

In between radio contacts Mr. Barber shared the somewhat monotonous life of the Pole-dwellers, going out on "nice" days to "walk round the world in three minutes"—round the ring of oil-drums circling the Pole.

He spent last Christmas at the Pole and on Boxing Day heard the exciting news that Hillary had only 325 miles to go, while Dr. Fuchs was about 450 miles away.

By January 4 the men at the Pole, watching the white horizon through binoculars, saw the black dots showing that Hillary's tractor train was approaching. That afternoon the three tractors, roped to sledges, suddenly became lifesize.

GLORIOUS MOMENT

"At first," writes Mr. Barber, "we could see no faces inside the makeshift canvas 'tents' that had been rigged up to protect the drivers from the cold. Then the top of the leading Ferguson's cover was thrown back, and up stood that amiable giant Ed Hillary and waved a greeting. . . . It was a glorious moment, a supreme moment."

On January 20 Dr. Fuchs



Hands full of Mink

Michael How (18) is a mink farmer and has 400 animals on his farm at St. Erth, near St. Ives in Cornwall. Michael began raising mink three years ago, and has already exported a number of mink and has had successes in several national shows.

Boy at 1000 schools

Australian circus boy, Mervyn Nairn, will certainly have trouble in naming his old school when he grows up.

Only 13, he is now at his 1000th school, in a Melbourne suburb, and went for short periods to the other 999 in Australia and New Zealand, while travelling with his circus during the last eight years. Mervyn's parents do a balancing and juggling act.

Mervyn has kept a note in his diary of each school, the duration of his stay, the subjects taught, and the teacher's name.

But sometimes he has not been within reach of any school, and then he has taken correspondence lessons. His longest spell in any one school has been three months; his shortest was in Canberra, two years ago, when he only stayed half a day because the circus, owing to a change of plan, had to move on unexpectedly.

But, despite all these apparent handicaps, Mervyn averaged 81 per cent at last year's final examinations.

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Rescuer and rescued



Shane the Alsatian found a helpless baby blackbird and his owners took it with them to their West London home. Now Shane and the blackbird, fit and well, share the same drinking bowl.

LOUIS PASTEUR—picture-story of one of the world's greatest life-savers (10)



After giving little Joseph Meister his final injection, Pasteur was sleepless with anxiety lest something should go wrong. But next day the boy was in perfect health, and ran to greet "dear Monsieur Pasteur," of whom he had grown very fond. Before long it was clear that the lad's life had been saved; and thus Joseph Meister of Alsace became the first human being to be successfully inoculated against rabies.



In October that year (1885) six shepherd boys of Villers-Farlay in the Jura saw a dog with foaming jaws going along the road. "A mad dog!" they shrieked, and ran for their lives. The dog at once chased them and the eldest boy, 14-year-old Jupille, bravely turned and faced it to give the others time to escape. It seized his left hand, but after a grim struggle he managed to kill it with his wooden shoe.



Veterinary surgeons who examined the dog pronounced that it had certainly been suffering from rabies. Jupille had been very badly bitten, and it seemed certain that he must die of the terrible disease. Then the mayor of Villers-Farlay had an idea. He had heard how Pasteur had that summer saved the life of little Joseph Meister. He at once wrote to the scientist asking him if he could save gallant Jupille.



Pasteur replied telling the mayor to send Jupille to him immediately. In Paris the tall boy's face lit up with hope as the scientist said he would do his utmost for him. But secretly Pasteur was anxious. Six days had elapsed since Jupille had been bitten—time enough, perhaps, for the rabies germs to develop. In Joseph Meister's case only two and a half days had passed before his first inoculation.

What chance of life has courageous Jupille? See next week's instalment



Grand new story about the boys of Linbury Court

JENNINGS, AS USUAL

by Anthony Buckeridge

Venables lends his roller skates to Jennings during break, and then goes off with the key. When the bell rings Jennings tries to remove the skates, but only succeeds in removing one—still attached to his shoe. Darbishire helps him up to the classroom where Mr. Wilkins remonstrates with Jennings over his appearance.

13. The Assistant Master-piece

By the time Jennings was once more shod in conventional footwear, the geography lesson was nearly half over.

"You'll be sorry you've wasted all this time," Mr. Wilkins told the class. "I was going to allow you the last few minutes of this lesson to revise for next week's test, but there won't be time for that now."

"What test, sir?" asked Temple in aggrieved tones.

"The test that I shall be giving you next week on Australia and New Zealand," Mr. Wilkins went on. "If you take my advice you'll

other side of the common-room table. "I mean, you could have your Christmas dinner out in the garden if you wanted to."

"Wouldn't suit me," said Darbishire firmly. "I like snow and holly and robins and things on my Christmas cards." By way of proof he passed a sheet of paper across the table, revealing a half-finished drawing of a Yuletide scene. "There's not an awful lot of shopping days left before Christmas," he said, "so I thought I'd get cracking with a few home-made cards."

Jennings was critical of his friend's prowess as an artist. "A pretty feeble effort if you ask me," he said.

"You wait till I've coloured it, and then you'll see," Darbishire defended himself. "I'm going to do lots of cards from now on. It makes the end of the term seem a lot nearer if you start doing Christmassy things in good time."

On this point Jennings was in full agreement. "Why stop at Christmas cards, then?" he demanded. "Why not let's make Chinese lanterns and paper chains and things!"

Darbishire's eyes shone with delight. "Yes, rather! There's still about twenty working days before the end of term party; so if we each made, say, a yard of paper chain every day that'd give us forty yards between the two of us."

"That's nothing," Jennings retorted. "When this craze takes on everyone'll want to join in. Let's see, now. Say fifty chaps making twenty yards each, equals—um—ah—Wow! A thousand yards!"

They gaped at each other in awe as their minds conjured up a picture of the common-room festooned with more than half-a-mile of coloured paper chains.

It was Darbishire who raised the first practical objection. "Where on earth should we get all that paper from?" he asked.

Jennings dismissed the difficulty with a wave of his hand. "We'll go through all the waste paper baskets and use wrapping paper from chaps' parcels and stuff," he said airily. "And if that isn't enough we'll use old exercise books."

Darbishire pursed his lips in

doubt. "There might be a frantic hoo-hah if we did that," he pointed out.

"I don't see why. Take this old geog. book, for instance," Jennings went on, waving the green-covered object under Darbishire's nose. "I finished it up this afternoon and I shall be going on to my new one next lesson. So why not use this for scrap?"

This answer seemed reasonably convincing. After all, Darbishire reminded himself, a great many old exercise books for which the owners had no further use were normally thrown away at the end of term when the desks were being tidied. "Have it your own way, then," he conceded as the dormitory bell put an end to further discussion.

Needless to say the "Jennings Plan" for interior decoration was acclaimed with enthusiasm by most of the younger boarders when the details were explained to them. As a precaution, permission was sought from Mr. Carter

who had no objections to the scheme provided that only waste paper was used and that the boys did not begin to hang up their decorations until the day before the end-of-term party.

As the work went on it encouraged a feeling that the spirit of Christmas was in the air—or at any rate, just round the corner; and this meant that any time that could be spared from the decorations was spent in the annual pastime of making seasonal greetings cards.

Atkinson was painting a Christmas card for a favourite uncle when Jennings entered Form III classroom shortly before Mr. Wilkins' geography lesson on Friday afternoon.

"That's a weedy-looking horse and cart you've got there," he criticised, peering over the artist's shoulder.

A challenge

"It isn't a horse and cart: it's a reindeer pulling a sleigh," Atkinson retorted curtly.

"Well what's that pillar box just behind it?"

Atkinson scowled at the critic in disapproval. "I'd have you know, Jennings," he said with dignity, "that what you call a pillar box happens to be Father Christmas."

"Well, I bet I could draw a better-looking character than that!"

"You jolly well couldn't!" said Atkinson derisively. "Go ahead and prove it if you're so clever. I challenge you!"

Jennings flung open his desk

and began rummaging for pencil and paper. "All right, then," he agreed. "Just wait till I find something to draw on, and I'll show you!"

Apart from some brown paper which he was intending to use for the decorations, Jennings could find nothing suitable on which to demonstrate his skill as an artist. Impatiently he lifted out a pile of exercise books, chose one at random and opened it at a clean page.

"Hey, you can't draw in your geography book," Atkinson warned him.

Jolly good likeness

"I can easily rub it out again," Jennings replied airily. Lightly he skimmed over the surface of the page, sketching the head and shoulders of a middle-aged man. As a work of art the drawing was far from perfect: the ears were too large, the eyes were like marbles, and the neck showed the subject to be suffering from a severe attack of mumps.

To Darbishire, who had just strolled up to see what was going on, the drawing seemed to bear some resemblance to a figure he knew well. With marked interest he said: "I say, Jen, that's a jolly good likeness. It couldn't be better if you'd copied it from life."

Jennings looked up puzzled. It was just a lightning sketch of a man's head so far as he was aware.

"It's obvious who it's meant to be," Darbishire went on, gurgling with suppressed laughter. He

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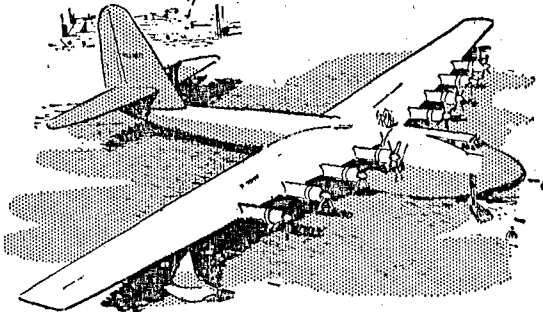
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do some revision in your own time."

Jennings decided to heed the warning. That evening, in the half hour before bedtime, he settled down to read the notes he had taken during the term. But after ten minutes of studying the climatic conditions of Australia, his mind began to wander away from his notes to the more practical side of life in the southern hemisphere.

"I wouldn't mind living in Australia, Darbi," he remarked to his friend who was seated on the

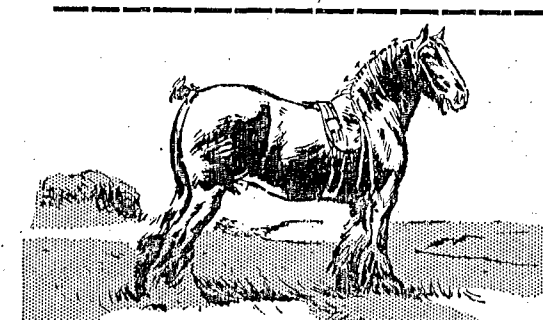
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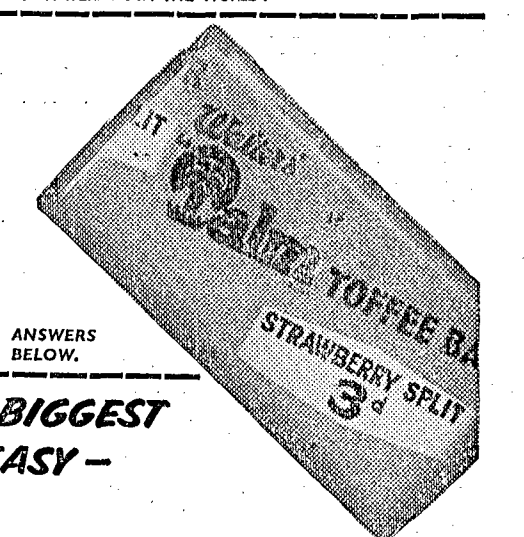
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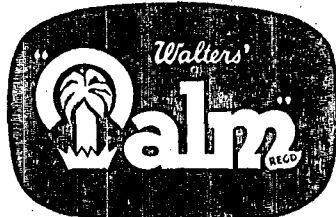


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LOOKING AT THE SKY

Ram with the Golden Fleece

ARIES, the constellation of the
Ram of Greek legend, may
now be readily identified in the
eastern sky after about 10 o'clock
in the evening.

Aries the Ram is the first con-
stellation of the Zodiac, which
represents by its 12 constellations
the path through which the Sun,
Moon, and planets appear to pass.
Mars may now be seen appearing
a little way below and to the left
of the stars of Aries; the planet,
described in C.N. August 23, will
be readily recognised.

Except for the three brightest of
its stars, Aries is not conspicuous
as a constellation, but as can be
seen from the star-map the three
stars, Hamal, Beta, and Gamma,
form a distinctive feature.

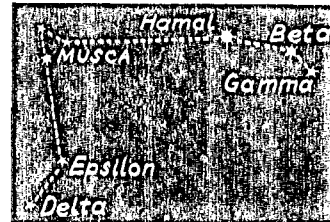
SEEKING THE RAM

The constellation is one of the
most important in the sky because
of its great antiquity and its
association with the ancient story
of the famous Argonautic Expedi-
tion to seek the "Ram with the
Golden Fleece."

According to Ancient Greek
legend, the Ram was sacrificed at
the eastern region of the Euxine,
now known as the Black Sea. Its
"Fleece of Gold" was removed
and hung on an oak tree in a
dragon-guarded grove in the king-
dom of Colchis, which was at the
eastern end of the Euxine Sea. To

find and bring back this golden
treasure Jason set forth with many
of the famous heroes of the
Greek legends, including Hercules,
Orpheus, Theseus, Nestor, Castor,
and Pollux. They sailed in the
famous ship Argo, and eventually
Jason secured the Golden Fleece.

The constellation of Aries, and
also the constellation of Argo,
have symbolised this legendary
adventure ever since, but in the
course of some 3000 years the
stellar ship Argo has sunk
below the horizon of lands as far



north as Britain and even Greece.
This has been due to the changing
tilt of the Earth's Axis. All that
can ever be seen now are the stars
representing the upper portion of
Argo's mast. Aries, the Ram, on
the other hand, we now see
represented high in the Heavens.

This constellation was known
thousands of years before the
story of the Golden Fleece was
added to it by the early Greeks.
From the earliest historic times,
both in Egypt and Chaldea, the

Ram was a most valued and
sacred animal, which was given
first place in the Zodiac Path of
the Sun.

The name of the leading star,
Hamal, is of ancient Arabic
origin and means Sheep Star. It
is situated in the forehead of the
Ram. The star is also known as
Alpha Arietis and is a great sun
which radiates about 50 times more
light and heat than our Sun, but
from 4,810,000 times farther away.

DOUBLE SUN

Beta is about 3,290,000 times
farther than our Sun and is
actually composed of two suns
which together radiate about 18
times more light and heat than
ours. They average 29 million
miles apart and revolve round a
common centre of gravity in 107
days.

Gamma-in-Aries is also com-
posed of two stars; they are at an
immense distance from us and
also each other, being probably
seen only in the line-of-sight and
so appearing double.

The three stars composing the
tiny constellation of Musca, the
Fly, is supposed to be on the
Sheep's Back. In point of fact,
this is not an ancient star-group
and had no existence in the far-
off days of the Ram with the
Golden Fleece and the good ship
Argo.

G. F. M

JENNINGS, AS USUAL

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called to a group of boys who had
just come into the room in readi-
ness for afternoon school. "Hey,
Venables! Temple! Come over
here and have a look at old Jen's
drawing. It's lobsterous!"

Mildly curious they gathered
round the artist, leaning on his
shoulders and breathing heavily
down the back of his neck.

"Who does it remind you of?"
Darbishire demanded.

Temple made a wild guess. One
name seemed as good as another
to him. "I'd say it was Old
Wilkie."

Darbishire beamed his congratu-
lations. "Of course it is! Who
else? It's just like him, isn't it?"

Vivid imagination

In point of fact the likeness to
Mr. Wilkins' features was almost
wholly imaginary. Nevertheless,
Darbishire's enthusiasm swayed
the judgement of his audience who
were only too ready to agree with
his opinion.

"Yes, so it is, I can see it now,"
said Venables. He laughed, some-
what more loudly than necessary,
to show his appreciation. "It's an
absolute masterpiece, if you ask
me."

Jennings breathed on his finger-
nails and polished them on his
pullover. "I wouldn't go so far
as to say that," he said with be-
coming modesty. "Still, as it's a
drawing of Old Wilkie you could
call it an assistant-master-piece,
couldn't you?"

The group broke into convul-

sions of merriment at what they
seemed to think was the wittiest
retort they had heard for a long
time.

Encouraged by this response,
Jennings decided to strengthen the
so-called resemblance still further.
Frowning with concentration he
drew a balloon coming out of the
lopsided mouth and inserted the
words, *Doh! You silly boy!* Then,
to be on the safe side, he added
a title to his work. *L. P. Wilkins*,
Esq., he wrote underneath, in
sprawling capitals.

At that moment the original of
the lightning sketch arrived to
begin the lesson. Hurriedly Jen-
nings turned over the page. On
no account must Mr. Wilkins be
allowed to catch sight of his un-
flattering portrait.

To be continued

Representing Britain



Miss Phyllis Gillingham, of
Twickenham, Middlesex, who is
representing Great Britain at
the International Accordion
Championships being held in
Brussels on September 13.

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of
words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three
answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one
is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the
word in *italics*. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

Answers are given on page 11

- The weather is *deteriorating*.
A—Saps our energy.
B—Constantly changeable.
C—Growing worse.
- She has a *volatile* temperament.
A—Flighty and unsettled.
B—Hidden depths.
C—Greedy and grasping.
- These people are *fugitives*.
A—Running away.
B—Living in poverty.
C—A quarrelsome crowd.
- He was pleased that you
interceded.
A—Surrendered quietly.
B—Waited patiently.
C—Acted as peacemaker.
- The partners are now *recon-
ciled*.
A—Very wealthy.
B—Friends once more.
C—Living in retirement.
- Such behaviour was *puerile*.
A—Childish and silly.
B—Faint-hearted.
C—With best intentions.

PUZZLE PARADE

SPORTS PUZZLE

The letters of the words printed in italics can be re-arranged to spell a term used in Relay Racing, and also answer Tom's question.

"We've got to win the relay race, or bang goes our chance of the cup," said Tom. "On individual times there's scarcely an inch between the teams, but I believe we are stronger in one thing," replied Rex. "What is that?" Tom queried.

MIXED TRIOS

The three missing words each consist of the same three letters differently arranged.

"The new Master is putting an — to digging out foxes," remarked —. "Once Reynard reaches his —, he will be safe for a time, at any rate."

THE THIRD LETTER

By changing the third letter of the words in capitals below you can make two other words. The new words required are indicated by the clues.

LAKE becomes a decoration and an avenue; CARE, a garment and a reed; MATE, an animal and a puzzle; FAME, a part of the body and money; GAME, a storm and a barrier.

FIND EACH FOOT

Foot to be found in a theatre.
Foot to be found on a railway engine.
Foot which is a game.
Foot which is a servant.
Foot found in a book.

HIDDEN SNAKES



This puzzle contains the letters forming the names of seven snakes. By starting at the right place and moving, in any direction, to adjoining squares you should easily find these snakes.

PICK THIS FLOWER

A GRACEFUL and a well-loved flower
Which blooms in summertime.
Its namesake partnered Harlequin
In many a pantomime.

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in chaffinch, also in chough;
My second's in curlew, as well as in ruff;
My third comes in jackdaw, but not in auk;
My fourth's in kestrel, and also in hawk;
My fifth is in poultry, also in fowl;
My sixth is in hoopoe as well as in owl;
My whole is a bird with a habit so queer
Of leaving its fledglings for others to rear.

ODD ONE OUT

Which of the following is out of place?
ANEMONE, binnacle, cockle, seaweed, sponge, starfish.

LUCKY DIP

VERY LONG ABSENCE

"GOOD-MORNING, Mike," said the history teacher. "I see you are back at last. Are you better?"
"Yes, thank you, sir."
"Good. Now how long were you away?"
"Since the Crusades, sir."

ABOUT THAT WHALE

A WHALE does not spout water through its nostrils, as might appear to be the case from pictures. On rising to the surface of the water the animal blows out through his nostrils the used air in its lungs. In cold atmosphere the moisture in the breath condenses (just as does our breath on a cold morning), giving a column of mist which may look like solid water. But the "spout" may, of course, contain spray.

DID YOU KNOW?

It would take 800,000 full Moons to produce light as brilliant as a day of cloudless sunshine.

JUST A FEW WORDS

- C. To deteriorate is to grow worse. (From Latin *deterior*, worse.)
- A. Volatile means moving lightly and rapidly about; slightly; apt to change. (From Latin *volitare*, to fly to and fro.)
- A. A fugitive is one who runs away or has fled. (From Latin *fugitivus*, a runaway or deserter.)
- C. To intercede is to act as peacemaker between two; to plead for someone. (From Latin *inter*, between, and *cedere*, to go.)
- B. To reconcile is to restore friendship or agreement. (From Latin *re*, again, and *conciliare*, to bring together.)
- A. Puerile means acting like a little boy; silly. (From Latin *puer*, a boy.)

BILLY IS PREPARED—ALMOST

THIS was the time of year when Billy was not sure whether he wanted to play cricket or soccer. His friends could not make up their minds either.

It seemed that whenever he went along to the park in his football boots and shin-pads his friends were still playing cricket; but if he put on his rubber-soled shoes and took his bat with him, then they were playing football.

The trouble was that if he played soccer in his canvas shoes someone always trod on his toes, and if he went along in soccer togs, the boys wished he had brought his cricket bat. Rover, too, found it very puzzling. Everyone called "Good dog" when he chased after the cricket ball and returned it, but if he dared to go near the football he was shooed away.

After this had happened four or five times Billy decided to go prepared. He put on his football boots and pads, and donned a

white shirt over his soccer jersey. He carried his bat and rubber shoes in his hands.

"Now I'm ready for either game," he said as he set off in his "foot-cricket" togs.

Entering the gate of the park, he could see his pals on the far side. They were playing soccer.

"Right," said Billy, "here goes," and he took off his white shirt and left it with his shoes and bat in the park-keeper's hut.

As he got nearer, he noticed that none of them was wearing football boots. Then he found why.

"What are you doing in your soccer kit, Billy?" his friends asked as he came up. "Didn't you remember that we were going swimming today? We only brought the football to play with in the baths!"

"Oh dear," sighed Billy, turning to go home for his swimming trunks. "Wrong again."

Basketful of Blues



Two Siamese Blue Pointed kittens find a comfortable place for a quiet rest.

HOWLER

ALGEBRA was the wife of Euclid.

HASTY

A CURATE at Stockton-on-Tees
Won the church sprint with consummate ease.
But his good friend the pastor
Ran very much faster
When chased by a swarm of wild bees.

STRANGE, BUT TRUE

WHEN the 14 workmen who set up the figure of Nelson on his column had finished their task, they celebrated by having dinner high above Trafalgar Square.

C N Competition Corner

10 TABLE TENNIS SETS TO WIN!

IN this week's competition, C N gives you the opportunity to show what you know about the Great Masters—and at the same time perhaps win a prize Table Tennis Set. There are ten to be won and the competition is open to all readers under 17 living in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Channel Islands—free!

What To Do: Each of the six pictures below represents a world-famous artist. Can you name them? The first one should not be difficult to spot—he painted "The Hay-Wain."

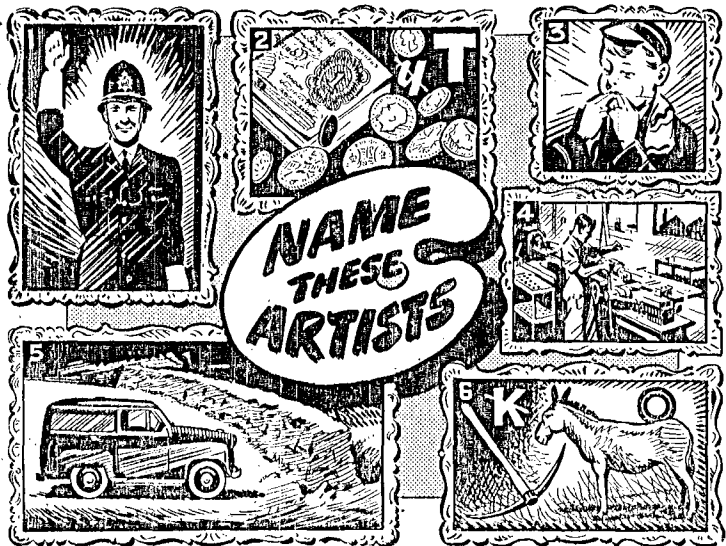
List the six artists' names neatly on a postcard, add your full name, age, and address, and ask a parent or guardian to sign the entry as your own unaided work. Then cut out and attach the competition token (marked C N Token) from the foot of the back page of this issue, and post the completed card to:

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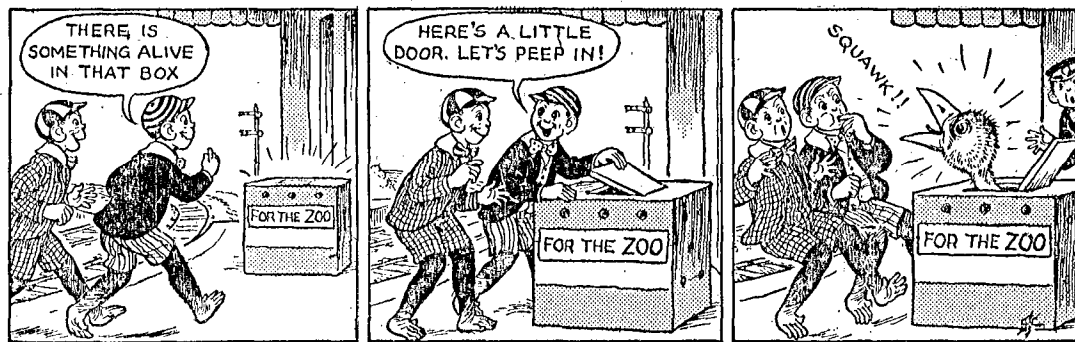
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to arrive not later than Tuesday, September 16, the closing date.

Table Tennis Sets will be awarded for the ten entries which are correct and the best written according to age. The Editor's decision is final.



INQUISITIVE JACKO GETS A BIG SHOCK



LAST MATCHES OF THE CRICKET SEASON

The first-class soccer season is now well under way, but the cricketers are not yet ready to pack their kit. At the weekend, cricket will become a seaside sport. The New Zealand tourists will meet Lancashire at Blackpool, while the Scarborough and Hastings festivals will stage their second matches—An England XI v A Commonwealth XI at Hastings, and the Gentlemen against the Players at Scarborough. The Torquay festival also starts on Saturday, with a match between teams representing the North and the South.

Everton Weekes, one of the world's great batsmen, will soon be playing his last innings in this country. This former West Indian Test star has been playing for Bacup in the Lancashire League for the last few seasons, and has broken every batting record. Now he is going home to become a cricket coach in Barbados.

Robert Scott, son of the former Gloucestershire C.C.C. player, Colin Scott, looks like following in father's footsteps. Playing for Downend, a Bristol club, 15-year-old Bob recently took seven wickets for only one run.

Tony MacGibbon, the New Zealand fast bowler, has been

granted a bursary of £500 under the International Road Federation (London) bursary scheme. It will enable him to take a post-graduate course at Durham University starting in October.

Crack punter



Maurie Jones is an instructor at the Wray'side Punting Club, Buckinghamshire. He has won five cups in various regattas.

Winning captains

NINETEEN years ago, Madeley Secondary School, Shropshire, won the Wrekin area schools soccer trophy. Captain of the team was Billy Wright, who joined the Wolves at the age of 15 and has since become the most-capped footballer in the world.

Last season, for the first time since Billy Wright's days, Madeley Secondary School again won the area trophy. This time the school's captain and centre-half was 15-year-old David Goodall, and he has joined the ground staff of the Shrewsbury Town club. Will history repeat itself?

Another school among the sporting honours is St. James', Salford. Last season St. James' soccer teams won all the local trophies. Now they have repeated the feat on the cricket field. The Under-15s won the inter-schools cup; the Under-14s the shield; the under-13s the intermediate knock-out competition; and the Under-12s the junior trophy.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. McDonald Bailey represented Britain scores of times on the running track. In which country was he born?
2. Who is the only British man who has won the World Ice Figure Skating Championship?
3. How many soccer teams will be promoted from the Fourth to the Third Division this season?
4. What flag in motor-car racing indicates "course completed"?
5. Since 1947 Stanley Matthews has played for Blackpool. What was his previous club?
6. Who is the oldest lawn tennis player to represent his country in the Davis Cup?

Answers: 1. Trinidad. 2. Graham Sharp. 3. Four. 4. Black and white chequered. 5. Stoke City. 6. Dr. Colin Gregory, who was 48 when he partnered Tony Mottram against Yugoslavia in 1952.

SPORTING GALLERY

ROY SWETMAN

Surrey's young wicket-keeper has the unusual, though not unique distinction, of winning a place in an England Test party while still a second-team man for his county. But the brilliant Arthur McIntyre is to retire at the end of the present season, so Roy Swetman's chances to win fame are falling close one upon the other.



Born at Croydon (like his Test colleague Raman Subba Row), Roy will be 25 in October. He has already toured Pakistan as a member of M.C.C.'s "A" team (1955-6).

He joined Surrey four years ago, after playing for Combined Services. Like McIntyre, whom he has understudied so far, he is a capable batsman and when playing for M.C.C. at the opening of the present season, scored a century against Yorkshire.



Athletics thrills at White City

THIS Wednesday London's White City stages another of the inter-City matches that have become such a popular feature of British athletics. This time, London oppose a team from Warsaw in a match that will include

most of the best athletes in England and Poland.

The two-mile event may be the highlight of the evening. Like the mile and the 3000 metres steeplechase, it is an invitation event, with competitors from other countries taking part. One of these is Murray Halberg, the New Zealander who won the Empire Games three-mile gold medal and later set up a new world record for the four miles. Halberg intends to try for a new world record, and it is hoped his opposition will include Stan Eldon, Gordon Pirie, Peter Clark, and three international Polish runners.

At this meeting, too, the shot-put comes into its own. Usually this event is held on the edge of the arena, often unseen by many of the spectators, but on Wednesday evening it will be held in the centre of the arena. This has been done as a tribute to the brilliant performances this season of Yorkshire blacksmith Arthur Rowe, who won the event at the Empire Games and recently became the first Englishman ever to win the shot-put in the European Championships.

Lost and found

WHILE representing Somerset in a golf match near Ascot, Berkshire, Mr. Frank Smith of Berrow, near Burnham-on-Sea, lost his ball on the 12th hole—and several weeks later found it at Burnham.

It seems that a man who lived near the Berkshire course went for a stroll with his dog near the 12th green and came across a ball marked Berrow Artisan G.C. As he was going to Burnham for a holiday, he took the ball with him and gave it to the hotel owner.

That evening Mr. Smith walked into the hotel and recovered the ball he had lost 100 miles away.

Baseball boys of Ruislip

The boys in this picture are members of the Ruislip Dodgers Baseball Club, a team of English boys who practise the game on the U.S. Air Force pitch near West Ruislip Station, Middlesex. Fixing the leg-guards on one of the players is the team manager and coach, Mr. Lionel Blandford.

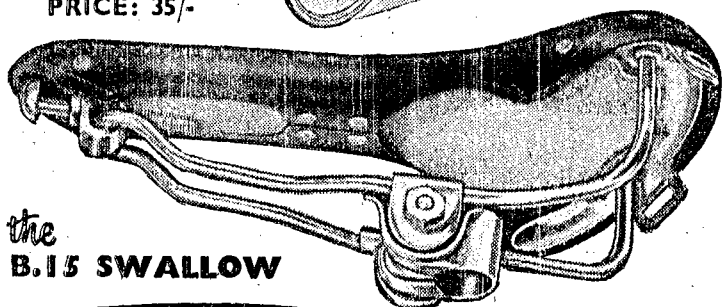
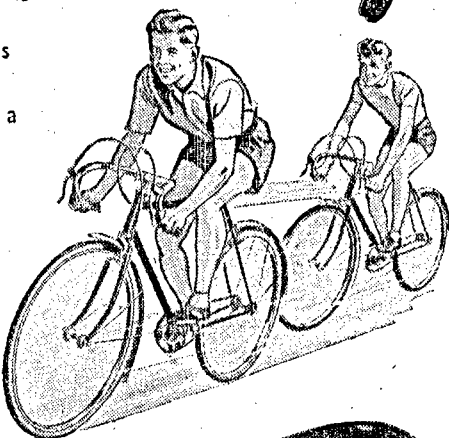


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